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In re application of ) Examiner Janelle Combs Morillo  
Venema et al ) Group Art Unit 1742  
Serial No.10/706,846 ) Atty. Docket No. 4430-031234  
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Confirmation No.6084 )  
Filed 11/12/2003 ) Response Under 37 CFR 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
For Method of Manufacturing )  
A Near-Net Shape Alloy Product )

Rule 116 AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

December 22, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 25, 2005, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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